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OPC Screens Acclaimed World War I Film

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By Sonya K. Fry

The film "Joyeux Noël" is inspired by a true story that occurred during World War I on Christmas Eve in 1914: Briefly, the fighting stopped, and soldiers climbed out of their trenches, leaving their rifles behind to shake hands with the enemy.

Written and directed by Christian Carion—originally from the north of France, where many of the battles of the Great War were fought—the story is devised around four real individuals: an Anglican priest, a French lieutenant, a German tenor, and his singing partner and lady love. At the time, the men who came out of their trenches were considered cowards and later they were eulogized as heroes, Carion said. But for him, "they were merely men who accomplished something incredibly human." Carion will be present at the screening to speak about the film, which has been nominated as best foreign language film for the 2006 Academy Awards and also for a French Cesar Award. "Joyeux Noël" had its world premiere at the 2005 Cannes Film Festival.

Incidentally, the last survivor of the "Christmas Truce," Alfred Anderson, died in November 2005 at the age of 109. As an 18-year-old soldier in the Scottish



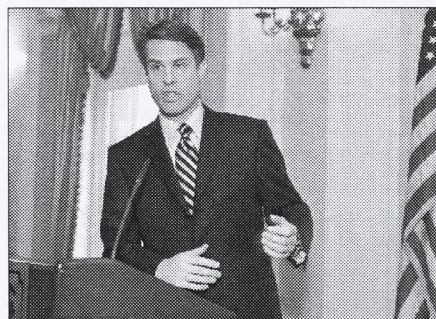
Alex Ferns as Gordon, a Scot; Daniel Brühl as Horstmayer, a German; and Guillaume Canet as Audebert, a Frenchman—three officers in the film "Joyeux Noël."

Black Watch regiment, he recalled "the eerie sound of silence" as shooting stopped and soldiers emerged out of the trenches. The enemies swapped cigarettes

and tunic buttons, sang carols and even played soccer. Last year he told *The Observer*: "All I heard for two months in

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Moran to OPC Winners: 'Know Yourself, and Have Fun'



Terry Moran

By Jane Reilly

"I'm biased," Terry Moran, co-anchor of ABC News' *Nightline*, told an audience of more than 200 gathered at the 2006 Overseas Press Club Foundation

Scholarship Luncheon at the Yale Club on Jan. 27. In a revealing moment of introspection, Moran admitted that while he felt great pain witnessing the death of an Iraqi killed in the conflict, he would have felt worse had the victim been an American. He was not proud of his response but he acknowledged it. He challenged the 2006 scholarship winners to discover who they are as individuals and recognize that their pasts will play a role in how they see the world. "Know yourself first," he advised. "You have an identity. You can't pretend you don't." Understanding its impact will help the aspiring foreign correspondents place

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Panel Delves into Iran's Nuclear Intentions

by Erik Sass

Iran is a nuclear power—but does that mean it wants nuclear weapons?

As European and American diplomatic efforts to convince Iran to renounce intentions to produce nuclear weapons run up against growing Iranian intransigence, most international observers seem to take Iran's desire for a nuclear bomb as a given. After all, they ask, why else would Iran risk referral to the UN Security Council and possible sanctions if its nuclear program was only intended for producing energy?

An expert panel at the OPC on Jan. 19 was not as quick to judge, citing the opacity of the Iranian government—and the differing aims of rival factions inside it—to paint a more nuanced picture. The event, co-sponsored by the Deadline Club, was organized and moderated by Jacqueline Albert-Simon, OPC Board member and U.S. Bureau Chief of *Politique Internationale*. Panelists included Gary Sick, a Middle East expert at Columbia University; Corey Hinderstein, a deputy director at the Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS); and Dan De Luce, a journalist with Agence France-Presse who has lived in Iran. They presented different sides of this complex issue, conveying some of the ambiguity that European and American strategists grapple with as they deal with Iran.



Gary Sick, Corey Hinderstein, Jacqueline Albert-Simon, Dan De Luce and Paul Wachsmith, board of the Deadline Club.

"The Iranians agree amongst themselves that they want nuclear technology," said Sick, noting that "agreement is remarkably universal: it extends out not only to the hardliners in the government, but to the expatriates in Los Angeles who hate the mullahs." Of course, "The way the media has covered it is that nuclear technology means the bomb," Sick said. "But it doesn't." By way of explanation, Sick went on, "They're a proud, ancient nation, they see themselves as a major player in the region—if not in the

world—and the idea that they would somehow be excluded from nuclear power is unacceptable to them."

Further, Sick observed, Iran has a plausible use for peaceful nuclear energy, in spite of its tremendous oil wealth—nuclear power plants would free up more oil for overseas sales, lessening the strain on Iran's highly inefficient economy.

Still, there are indeed some very ominous signs, according to Hinderstein. Though the Bushehr nuclear power plant
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OPC Foundation Scholarship Winners for 2006

Following is a list of 2006 scholarship winners, their affiliations, the prize they won, and a brief description of the winning essay.

Hannah Clark
New York University
**ALEXANDER KENDRICK
SCHOLARSHIP**

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Earning a certificate in Business and Economics Reporting in the master's program in journalism at New York University, the Macalister college graduate intends to show how economic theory impacts real life in the developing world, as illustrated in her essay on Ghanaian agriculture. Having navigated the almost non-existent road system, Hannah describes how nearly impossible it is for Ghanaian farmers to access fertilizer.

Gregory Johnsen
University of Arizona
**DAVID R. SCHWEISBERG
SCHOLARSHIP**

Sponsored by his family

A former Fulbright fellow and Peace Corps volunteer, Greg—who is fluent in Arabic—writes about presidential politics in Yemen's fledgling democracy. In a system more accurately called a "republican kingdom," President Ali Abdullah Salih's announcement of retirement was predictably withdrawn. A graduate of Hastings College, he intends to return to Yemen after finishing his master's degree in Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona.

Anupreeta Das
Boston University
REUTERS SCHOLARSHIP

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Outsourcing in China and India, Anupreeta believes, needs to be demystified, to reveal the interplay of globalization and politics and its enduring effects on society and culture. In her essay, she describes how outsourcing in India is driving the rise in American English classes and increasing the disparity between rich and poor. With an education that spans four countries, the Boston University graduate student in journalism is learning Mandarin in hopes of reporting on China's drive to be a force in the outsourcing industry.

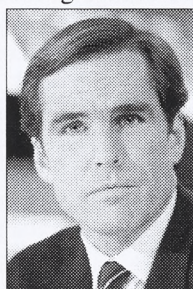
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Seated (l-r): Elizabeth Barchas, Ayesha Akram, Galima Bukharabaeva, Rawya Rageh, and Rachel Jones; Standing (l-r): Cory Eldridge, Zvika Krieger, Hannah Clark, Anupreeta Das, Michelle Loyalka, Gregory Johnsen, and Ted Latiak.

Woodruff, Vogt Injured in Blast

What would Bob Woodruff have told the 12 young men and women who want to become foreign correspondents? That American media needs foreign news now as never before? That print and broadcast media should stop downsizing their foreign bureaus? That it's fun and challenging to work overseas? That being a foreign correspondent in today's troubled world is dangerous business? That at least 61 journalists have been killed in Iraq since the United States invaded in 2003? But instead of speaking to those students, Woodruff delivered a real-time lesson when he became a victim of the dangers foreign correspondents face.

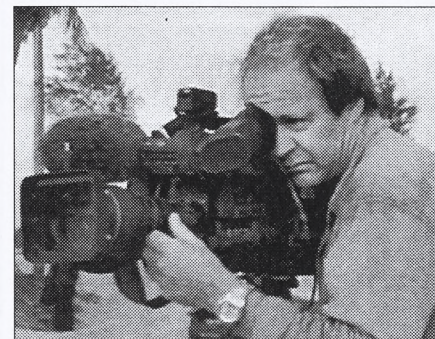


Bob Woodruff

Woodruff was scheduled to be the speaker at the OPC Foundation's Jan. 27 lunch. But the ABC News co-anchor was sent on a reporting trip to the Middle East. Terry Moran, co-anchor of ABC News' *Nightline*, who has reported from wars in Iraq and Kosovo, replaced Woodruff as the luncheon speaker.

On the same day as the scholarship lunch, Woodruff, 44, and his cameraman, Doug Vogt, 46, arrived in Baghdad after covering the elections in Palestine. Two days later, while they were standing up in an Iraqi military vehicle moving in an eight-vehicle convoy 12 miles north of the capital, a roadside bomb exploded, and shrapnel tore into their heads. They were airlifted to a U.S. military hospital in Germany, where surgeons removed a piece of Woodruff's skull to reduce brain swelling. The two correspondents then were flown to Washington, D.C. for further treatment in the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

— Al Kaff



Doug Vogt

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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Galima Bukharbaeva

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

HARPER'S MAGAZINE SCHOLARSHIP

in memory of I.F.Stone

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Publisher of Harper's, and friends

Perhaps the most revealing element of Galima's eyewitness account of the massacre in the eastern Uzbek city of Andijan on May 13, 2005, was not being shot at and narrowly escaping, but being labeled a terrorist for covering it for the international press. Now exiled from her native Uzbekistan, she intends to continue to fight for freedom of the press and to someday return to Central Asia.

Michelle Loyalka

Missouri School of Journalism

IRENE CORBALLY KUHN SCHOLARSHIP

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Foundation

Having spent seven years in China, Michelle is aware of the startling psychological impacts of breakneck change and social upheaval that underlie the booming Chinese economy. In her essay, she describes how these elements

play out in the life of a successful yet nervous Chinese entrepreneur. A graduate of Marquette University, she intends to use her skills honed at the Missouri School of Journalism to return to China to cover the triumphs and struggles underlying the headline stories of economic growth.

Cory Eldridge

University of Oregon

H.L. STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP

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The University of Oregon journalism major writes about a dedicated, impoverished British-trained Palestinian ophthalmologist doing his best, amid the strains of Israeli occupation and his patients' poverty, to save the eye of young girl from the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank. Corey intends to return to the Middle East to begin his career as a foreign correspondent, a decision he made while stranded at a checkpoint in a Hezbollah outpost.

Ayesha Akram

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

STAN SWINTON SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by the Swinton Family

Trained as a physician, Ayesha believes as a journalist she will have more success lifting the curtain on the AIDS crisis in India and setting the necessary wheels of change in motion. In her essay, she writes about a 43-year old Pakistani patient who launched a foundation, largely ignored, that promoted AIDS awareness. Fluent in Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi, Ayesha is the first winner of the Associated Press-OPC Fellowship and will spend a month this summer in the AP bureau in Bangkok.

Zvika Krieger

Yale University

EMANUEL R. FREEDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by family

The Yale University senior tells the story of Maryam Sayeed, a young Egyptian activist in Youth for Change, which, under the umbrella of Kifaya, is leading the fight against Hosni Mubarak. Despite repeated failures, Maryam refuses to let political complexities deter her from her fight for freedom. For Zvika, her story illustrates what journalism does best: reveal the human element in seemingly conventional issues.

Rachel Jones

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

THEO WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

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family and friends

Rachael wrote about how the residents of Quetzaltengo in Guatemala have become self-proclaimed vigilantes to combat the country's escalating crime rate caused by the rise in gang activity. In her essay, she accompanies Jose and his grown sons as they joined 30 or so neighbors to beat up two suspected gang members. A native of Canada and graduate of Lewis & Clark College, she intends to cover South America or Africa.

Lynden Ted Latiak

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

ROY ROWAN SCHOLARSHIP

Endowed by family, friends and admirers

Ted's decision to extend for one year his deployment to Afghanistan convinced him to become a journalist: to tell the stories that would otherwise go unreported. A graduate of West Point with a degree in electrical engineering and a former U.S. Army captain, he writes about the economic realities of today's Afghanistan. He intends to return there and cover its reemergence in the modern economic world.

Rawya Rageh

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

DAN ELDON SCHOLARSHIP

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A native of Egypt, Rawya was forever changed by the agony and devastation she encountered in Darfur. Frustrated by complaints that Americans have little interest in Africa, she believes they will respond to vivid stories rich with human details. In her essay, she discusses the need for the world to pay attention to the humanitarian crisis in the Sudan. A graduate of the American University in Cairo, she intends to report from sub-Saharan Africa.

Elizabeth Barchas

Harvard Law School

FLORA LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP

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A Russian major at Emory University, Elizabeth intends to use her law degree to help navigate the legal issues unique to censorship in Russia, so that she might cast light on the sensitive areas that must be exposed before real change can occur. The Fulbright fellow and former Miss Idaho writes about her elderly neighbor in St. Petersburg who wishes the Russian media would tell her story.

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PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

BEIJING: Simon Elegant became *Time's* Beijing bureau chief in February, succeeding **Matt Forney**, who left the magazine. Elegant joined *Time* in 2001 as Southeast Asia correspondent based in Kuala Lumpur after working in Asia for the *Far Eastern Economic Review* and Dow Jones Newswire. With degrees in Chinese history and language, Elegant has written two novels set in China. He is the son of author **Robert Elegant**, a wire service, magazine, broadcast and newspaper correspondent in Asia and Europe from 1951-1976.

After 15 months in prison without a hearing, **Zhao Yan**, 43, a researcher for *The New York Times* Beijing bureau, was charged late last year with disclosing state secrets to the newspaper as well as fraud. *Times* executive editor **Bill Keller** said: "For Zhao Yan's colleagues, family and friends, this is deeply disheartening. We've seen no evidence whatsoever that he is guilty of anything but honest journalism."



Zhao Yan

In an action rare in China, about 100 journalists from one of China's most aggressive newspapers, *The Beijing News*, went on strike in late December after the daily's editor, **Yang Bin**, and two of his deputies were fired. The striking journalists represented about one-third of the staff. No reason was given for the dismissals. But the paper has made a reputation for reporting misconduct of government officials, including last summer's violent crackdown on villagers protesting plans to build a power plant in Hebei province.

Wu Xianghu, 41, editor of *The Taizhou Evening News*, died in January of injuries suffered when police beat him after his newspaper published a report charging police with abuses of power, the Committee to Protect Journalists announced. Wu died of liver and kidney failure after failing to recover from the

beating last October in his office in the eastern coastal city of Taizhou. The article suggested that traffic police imposed high license fees on electric bicycles in violation of local regulations. The next day a group of traffic police stormed Wu's office and beat him in front of his colleagues.

Jiang Weiping, a journalist imprisoned on subversion charges after reporting on corruption, was released from prison in January, a year early and just before President Hu Jintao visited the United States.

HONG KONG: Sir Donald Tsang, Hong Kong's Beijing-backed chief executive, has promised foreign correspondents that press freedom will be

maintained in Hong Kong, an administrative region of Communist China. In a speech at the Foreign Correspondents' Club, Tsang pledged: "The free flow of news and information is one of the foundations of our success, and one of our greatest assets as Asia's world city. It is an asset that we cherish, and will protect."



Donald Tsang

Browning and mildewed after the passing of years, the clipping of an article written by **Yvonne Dunleavy** is framed and hanging on the wall of a coffee bean shop in central Hong Kong. The article, published in 1963 in the *Weekly American*, is about Ho Shiu Kai, an Indonesian Chinese who took over the shop from its original Greek owner. "The
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Welcome to Our New Members

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aging Ho...speaks fondly of Yvonne," OPC member **Vernon Ram** reported to "People." Yvonne, a writer on the daily *Hong Kong Standard* in the 1960s, now is an OPC board member. Yvonne said her collection of clippings was stolen from a trunk in the basement of her apartment building. "The clipping I would like to catch up with is the pin-up shot of me when a U.S. naval vessel excluded dames from an assignment, and the British services invited me as a mascot, vanity prevails," Yvonne wrote in an e-mail to "People," adding: "I looked like Sophia Loren in that one."

IRAN: The Iranian government closed the daily newspaper *Asia* in January and banned publication of *Nour-e Banovan*, a planned publication for women. No reasons were given, but a journalist at *Asia* said the paper had been warned for printing photos of women considered to be improperly dressed. It was the first media crackdown since President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took office last August.

Iran banned CNN correspondents from working in the country Jan. 16 after the network misquoted President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as saying "the use of nuclear weapons is Iran's right." But the official IRNA news agency said the president actually said "Iran has the right to nuclear energy." CNN later clarified its report and Iran lifted the ban.

IRAQ: At least one newspaper editor, **Jihad Momani** of Jordan's weekly *Shihan*, was arrested in the controversy over the publication of cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed. Momani was charged with blasphemy after his paper reprinted a Danish newspaper cartoon of Mohammed wearing a turban shaped like a bomb.



Jihad Momani

In 1968 **Walter Cronkite** said the Vietnam War was unwinnable, and now he recommends that the United States withdraw from Iraq. "It is my belief we should get out now," the New York *Daily News* quoted him telling reporters in January. "We had the opportunity to say

to the world after the [Katrina] hurricane disaster that Mother Nature has not treated us well and we find ourselves missing the amount of money it takes to help these poor people out of their homeless situation and rebuild some of our most important cities in the United States. Therefore, we are going to have to bring our troops home." OPC member Cronkite, 89, said the U.S. should tell Iraq it will do all it can to rebuild Iraq, and "I think we can retire with honor."

Jill Carroll, 28, an American freelance correspondent on assignment for *The Christian Science Monitor*, was kidnapped in Baghdad Jan. 7 and her interpreter, **Allan Enwiiyah**, 32, was shot dead. Her driver escaped. Carroll appeared in videotapes broadcast by Al Jazeera, one showing three armed and masked men behind her, another showing her in a Muslim headscarf and weeping, and in mid-February on a Kuwaiti TV channel saying, "I am fine. Please just do whatever they want, give them whatever they want as quickly as possible." Al Jazeera said her captors had threatened to kill her unless the United States released all women held prisoners in Iraq. Armed men ambushed Carroll's car less than 300 yards from the office of a Sunni Arab politician she had gone to interview. Carroll, who speaks Arabic, has been reporting from the Middle East for three years and began freelancing from Iraq shortly after the U.S. invasion. At least 36 journalists have been kidnapped in Iraq since 2003 along with more than 400 foreigners and thousands of Iraqis.



Jill Carroll on videotape

American troops burst into the Baghdad home of **Ali Fadhil**, correspondent for British media, on Jan. 8 and fired shots into the bedroom where he was sleeping with his wife, their 3-year-old daughter and 7-month-old son. "They rolled me onto the floor and tied my hands," he said. "When I tried to ask them what they were looking for they just told me to shut up." He was hooded, taken away for questioning and released hours later after being told the troops were looking for an insurgent. Ali was working for Guardian Films and Britain's Channel 4. The film organization told

U.S. and British officials that Ali was investigating reports that tens of millions of dollars in Iraqi funds held by the Americans and British had been misused or misappropriated. Last year Ali was named young journalist of the year by the British Foreign Press Association.

Freelance journalist **Phil Sands** was kidnapped in December, handcuffed, blindfolded and threatened with beheading before he was released five days later outside Baghdad.



Joe Galloway in Iraq

Joe Galloway, senior military correspondent for Knight-Ridder newspapers, called his January trip to Iraq "just an old dog doing old tricks." At year's end, he flew to Baghdad with General John Abizaid, commander of the U.S. Central Command, and made a whirlwind tour of American units in Mosul, Tikrit, Kirkuk and Baquba. "Been awhile since I was last in country [Iraq] and something I need to do regularly," Galloway wrote in an e-mail to "People." In a dispatch from Baghdad, Joe quoted Abizaid as predicting progress in Iraq this year because "there are more people trying to hold it together than take it apart." An OPC member, Joe covered the Vietnam War and wrote a best-selling book about the first major battle involving U.S. troops. He reported from the first Gulf War and has lectured on press-military relations to cadets at West Point and to officers and soldiers in the field.

When his journalism class in a Fort Lauderdale, Florida private academy was assigned to write on an international topic, 16-year-old **Farris Hassan** took the assignment to heart and flew off to the Middle East in December. Unknown to his parents, he sold \$5,000 worth of stocks he had been trading on the Internet, bought a \$900 plane ticket, flew to Kuwait, had tea with Kuwaitis under a tent in the desert, was stopped at the Iraq

border, flew to Beirut, interviewed Christians in Lebanon and a media relations officer for Hezbollah, the terrorist organization, and then flew to Baghdad to practice immersion journalism in which the reporter lives the lives of his subjects. After two days in Baghdad, Hassan walked into the AP bureau and announced he was in Iraq to do research and humanitarian work. The AP telephoned the U.S.

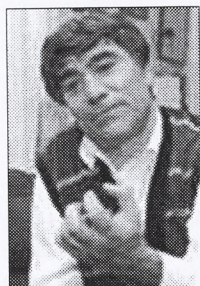


Farris Hassan

Embassy, and 101st Airborne troops escorted him to the embassy. He was flown to Kuwait on a U.S. military plane and then on a commercial airliner to Miami, where he arrived Jan. 1. His parents had asked the embassy in Baghdad to be on the lookout for him after he sent them an e-mail from Kuwait saying he was on his way to Iraq. Back home Hassan, a high school junior, apologized for the trouble he caused the U.S. military in Iraq. In an interview with MSNBC, he said: "They had to divert resources and all kinds of stuff. They have a war to run. They don't need to be dealing with kids running off to Iraq. I want to apologize for all the inconvenience I caused them, and I want to sincerely thank all the soldiers who risked their lives trying to get me out of Iraq and keep me safe."

ISTANBUL: In a bid to join the European Union, Turkey revised its laws to come closer to European freedoms of expression. But several journalists and authors are under charges for publishing what the government considers to be insults to the state.

Magazine publisher **Aziz Ozer** was fined \$4,400 after his magazine published articles titled "80 Years of the Turkish Republic, 80 Years of Fascism" and "No to a Partnership of Invasion in Iraq." **Zulkuf Kisanak** was fined \$2,200 for writing in his book "Lost Villages" that



Hrant Dink



Orhan Pamuk

the Turkish military had forced evacuation of Kurdish villages. **Hrant Dink**, editor-in-chief of the bilingual Turkish-Amenian weekly *Argos* and three *Argos* journalists were charged with trying to influence the judiciary through their editorials. Dink had been sentenced to six months in jail for an article he wrote protesting the revised penal code that allows prosecutors to charge writers and scholars for "insulting Turkish identity." Novelist **Orhan Pamuk** was accused of the same crime, but the charges were dropped in January.

KIEV: Three former policemen went on trial in January, accused in the 2000 murder of investigative journalist **Georgy Gongadze**, whose headless body was found in a forest. Speculation that then Ukraine President Leonid D. Kuchma had ordered the killing touched off demonstrations that led to the Orange Revolution last year, bringing to the presidency opposition leader Viktor A. Yushchenko, who promised to revive investigation of the murder.



Georgy Gongadze

MANILA: Three Philippine journalists were murdered in December: **Robert Ramos**, reporter for the weekly *Katapat* in Cabuyao; **Ricardo (Ding) Uy** for his broadcasts on radio stations DZRS-AM in Sorsogon City; and **George Benaogan**, host of a weekly program on Bantay Radio in Talisay City. In a letter to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee wrote that "the Philippines is considered the most murderous country in the world for journalists to work."

MOSCOW: Three Chechens went on trial in January for the killing of **Paul Klebnikov**, an American who was editor of the Russian edition of *Forbes*. He was shot outside the magazine's Moscow office in July 2004. Prosecutors contend that a former minister in the Chechen separatist government ordered the killing after taking offense at the way he was portrayed in one of Klebnikov's books. But other reports say he may have been singled out for his investigation into the dealings of oligarchs.

NEW YORK: Winners of OPC Foundation scholarships are scoring new

IWMF Call for Nominations

The International Women's Media Foundation is seeking nominations from around the world for its 2006 Courage in Journalism Awards and Lifetime Achievement Award. The Courage in Journalism Awards honor women working in the news media who have demonstrated extraordinary strength of character in pursuing their profession. The award carries a cash prize of \$5,000. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a woman journalist who has a pioneering spirit and whose determination has paved the way for future generations of women in the media. Candidates can be full-time, part-time or freelance women journalists working in print, broadcast or online media working in any country. Candidates for the Lifetime Achievement Award can be retired journalists. The deadline for nominations for both awards is March 15. For more information, visit www.iwmf.org.

accomplishments. **Billy Nessen**, who won the first Dan Eldon scholarship in 2000 with an essay on accompanying guerillas fighting Indonesian troops in East Timor, has completed his documentary film, "The Black Road: On the Front Lines of Aceh's War." He filmed the trouble in Indonesia during four years of reporting about Aceh for newspapers and magazines. The film will be shown in Australia and Canada.

Marina Walker Guevara won the European Commission Lorenzo Natali Award for Latin America and the Caribbean. The award recognizes excellence in coverage of human rights and democracy in the developing world. Now with the Center for Public Integrity in Washington, D.C., Marina won the Foundation's 2005 Emanuel R. Freedman Scholarship with an essay on the environmental and health threats posed by Western companies in impoverished countries. She wrote about lead poisoning among children in La Oroya, Peru, where the town's leading employer is a lead smelter operated by Doe Run Company. Marina's scholarship money enabled her

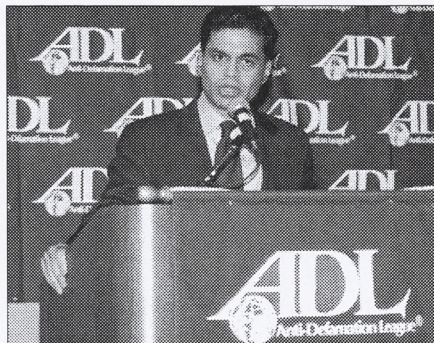
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to return to Peru for additional reporting that won the European Commission's award.

The *Wall Street Journal* published a front-page story by **Nicholas Zamiska** on how Pfizer is battling fake prescription drugs in China. Zamiska won the 2004 David Schweisberg Scholarship with an essay on self-censoring by the media in China.



Fareed Zakaria addresses the Anti-Defamation League.

OPC member **Fareed Zakaria**, editor of *Newsweek International* and a columnist for the magazine, received last year's \$10,000 Hubert H. Humphrey First Amendment Prize from the Anti-Defamation League. "Fareed Zakaria has become a household name in analysis and commentary on a wide range of foreign issues and their implications on domestic policy," Abraham H. Foxman, the League's national director, said in presenting the award.



The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee lost a member in January and added two members. **John Langone** died (see "In Memory") and **Dorinda Elliott** and **Jacqueline Albert-Simon** joined the Committee.



Peter R. Kann and his wife, **Karen Elliott House**, have given up the jobs that made them one of media's most powerful couples. On Feb. 1 Kann, 63, left his post as chief executive of Dow



Jones & Company, which publishes *The Wall Street Journal*, and was succeeded by **Richard F. Zannino**, 47, the first non-journalist to run the company since 1933. House, 58, resigned as publisher



Peter R. Kann, left, and **Richard F. Zannino** in 2002.

of the *WSJ*. Zannino joined Dow Jones in 2001 as chief financial officer and became chief operating officer. Earlier he worked for Liz Claiborne, General Signal Corporation and Saks Fifth Avenue. Kann and House won Pulitzer Prizes for international reporting, Peter in 1972 and Karen in 1984, the same year she won an OPC award. Kann covered the Vietnam War and from 1976-1979 was editor of the *WSJ's* Asia edition, published in Hong Kong. He is expected to remain as Dow Jones chairman until next year.



Like newspapers, news magazines are downsizing their staffs, incidentally taking a toll on the OPC board. *BusinessWeek* dismissed 60 staffers including senior international editor **Michael Serrill**, the OPC's 2nd vice president, and **Chester Dawson**, international finance editor. *Time* dropped about 105 staffers including OPC board member **Dorinda Elliott** and correspondents in Moscow, Beijing, Seoul and Tokyo. Time, Inc. then announced it will cut about 100 more editorial and business staffers, including 10 at *Time* magazine. Staff cuts at *BusinessWeek* came when the magazine ceased publishing its European and Asian print editions in December and shifted to a single global edition and a customized Asian and European versions of its *BusinessWeek Online* website. "We are taking this action to harness the growing power of the web globally and to serve readers and advertisers in a more timely, efficient and targeted way," said new OPC member **Stephen J. Adler**, the magazine's editor-in-chief, said.



Chrystia Freeland, 37, is the new U.S. managing editor of the *Financial Times*. A Canadian, she is responsible for the paper's U.S. edition in print and online. Her earlier positions at the

Financial Times include weekend editor and editor of FT.com.



The 13 winners of the 2006 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards for broadcast journalism included five for international reporting: ABC News for coverage of the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI; CNN for coverage of the tsunami disaster in South Asia; *Frontline* and WGBH of Boston for "Al Qaeda's New Front" on PBS; HBO for **Bryant Gumbel's** investigation into the exploitation of children as camel jockeys in the United Arab Emirates; and PRI, WGBH and BBC World Service for "The World: The Global Race of Stem Cell Therapies."

PHNOM PENH: After many years as a news magazine correspondent in Tokyo, **Bernie Krisher** started collecting donations from around the world to build schools in rural Cambodia. By last December, donors had funded 285 schools, many in villages that had no school. Each school costs \$13,000 in donations plus matching funds from the World or Asian Development Banks, and is named for the donor. Fifteen of the schools are equipped with satellite dishes, giving Cambodian children Internet access to children around the world. For his work, the Asia edition of *Time* named Bernie one of Asia's Heroes of 2005. Bernie, a former *Newsweek* and *Fortune* correspondent, and his wife, Akiko, live in Tokyo.

PORTLAND, Maine: When the landing ship USS Iwo Jima docked in Portland, OPC member **John Rich** went down to see the U.S. Navy ship named for the World War II battle that John survived. When the crew learned that Rich had served on the island as a U.S. Japanese language officer, he was invited to a reception along with a dozen other old vets and given a U.S. flag that had flown over the ship on Feb. 23, 2005, the 60th anniversary of the U.S. flag-raising on Iwo's Mount Suribachi. Earlier last year, Rich attended a U.S.-Japan anniversary ceremony on the volcanic island, where he met one of the former Japanese POWs he questioned on Iwo.

STANFORD, California: OPC member **Melinda Liu**, Beijing bureau chief for *Newsweek*, won the 2006 Shorenstein Award, which "recognizes a journalist who has created a distinguished

body of work that conveys and explains the complexities of Asia." The \$10,000 award is presented annually by Stanford and Harvard Universities. Liu originally opened the Beijing bureau for the magazine in 1980.



Melinda Liu

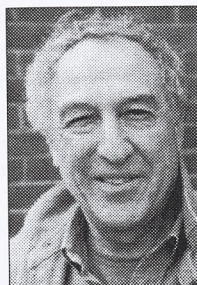
TULSA, Oklahoma: After 26 years in Asia as a UPI correspondent in Hong Kong and then a financial research editor for Prudential Securities and Salomon Smith Barney in Bangkok, **Paul Anderson** moved to Tulsa to be near his 92-year-old mother. But he's not sure that Tulsa is the place "to use that Asia experience and keep in touch with journalism and finance." Paul's wife **Nancy** is working with a University of Hawaii colleague on a film about American perceptions of China titled "Middle America Looks at the Middle Kingdom."

WASHINGTON: The International Center for Journalists has awarded Knight International Press Fellowships to nine journalists who will spend several months training journalists in countries with little tradition of a free press. The fellows and the countries in which they will work: **M. Teresa Calkins**, *The News-Press* of Fort Myers, Florida: Colombia; **Karen Freeman**, *The New York Times*: Moldova; **Daniel Glick**, *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian*: Algeria; **Steven Knowlton**, Hofstra University: Moldova; **Alexandra Salomon**, freelance in Europe: Nigeria; **Georgia Scott**, *The New York Times*: Indonesia; **Nailene Chou Wiest**, Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post*: China; **Scotti Williston**, The New School, New York: The West Bank; and **Timothy Spence**, former Knight Fellow in Ethiopia: Armenia.

IN MEMORY

John M. Langone, 76, a member of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee for more than 15 years, died of a rare form of lymphoma Jan. 26 in the Yale-New Haven Medical Center. He lived in Old Lyme, Connecticut. After graduating from Boston University in 1953, John started his writing career with UPI in Boston. For nearly two decades, he was medical/science editor of *The Boston Herald Traveler*. In 1980 he joined *Time*, Inc. as senior editor of *Discover Maga-*

zine and later became *Time's* associate editor. He received several national journalism awards based on his ability to explain complicated scientific subjects in lucid prose, and he taught medical and science journalism at Harvard and New York Universities. He was the author of 25 books on health, and at his death was working on a new book, "Theories for Everything." The publisher, *National Geographic*, said the book will be completed as a memorial to Langone. An OPC member, Langone wrote one or two letters a month to government officials on behalf of the OPC, protesting abuses of press freedom. He is survived by his wife, Dolores deNobrega Langone, a son and two daughters. A memorial service will be held at 10am on Saturday, March 4, in Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.



John Langone

Canadian journalist **Patrick Nagle**, 71, who lived in Victoria, Canada, died Jan. 10. He reported on Vietnam, the Berlin Wall and the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Over the years Nagle worked for the *Winnipeg Tribune*, *Montreal Gazette*, *British UP*, *Weekend Magazine*, *Southern News* and the *Vancouver Sun*.

J. Y. (Joe) Smith, 74, a former correspondent in Europe who revitalized what *The Washington Post* called the "backwater reputation" of its obituary desk, died of lung cancer Jan. 17 at his home in Annandale, Virginia. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, Smith joined *The Post* after working as a UPI correspondent in Moscow, London and Warsaw. He started at *The Post* as an assistant foreign editor, later moved to the metropolitan staff and in 1977 was named obituary editor. *The Post* wrote: "Until that time, Metro editors routinely tapped, young, inexperienced or bored-looking staffers to write the major obits....he was attuned to the necessity of compassion and the appreciation of a life. 'The occasion of obituaries is death, which is sad. But the subject of obituaries is life itself, which is wonderful,' he once wrote."

Media and gambling tycoon **Kerry Packer**, 68, Australia's richest man, died

Dec. 26 in his Sydney home after a long illness. His company, Publishing and Broadcasting, Ltd., controlled Australia's most popular TV network and a magazine empire, and he had an interest in several casinos. His fortune was estimated at \$5 billion, and *Forbes* ranked him as the world's 94th wealthiest person. Packer shared some common background with his wealthier rival and sometimes partner, naturalized American **Rupert Murdoch**. Both inherited media companies from their fathers, Sir **Frank Packer** and Sir **Keith Murdoch**. Rupert Murdoch built his News Corporation into a global enterprise, while Kerry Packer focused on Australia.



Kerry Packer

Argentina Brunetti, 98, a veteran film and TV character actress and an Italian-language Hollywood correspondent, died Dec. 20 in her sleep in Rome, where she had lived since 2004. She was a founding member of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and wrote a weekly column for Italian-language publications in Canada and Italy. She also hosted a weekly blog, "Argentina Brunetti's Hollywood Stories," and wrote about her family's show business adventures in the recent book, "In Sicilian Company." Her late husband, **Miro**, also was a foreign correspondent in Hollywood.



Argentina Brunetti

Jack Anderson was a correspondent in China before he became a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist. At age 12, he edited the Boy Scout page of Salt Lake City's *Deseret News*, a newspaper owned by the Mormon Church. At 18, he became a reporter at *The Salt Lake City Tribune*. After serving as a Mormon missionary for two years and joining the merchant marine, Anderson persuaded *The Deseret News* to hire him as a correspondent in China. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in Chunking, China, in 1945 and wrote for *Stars and Stripes*. In 1947, **Drew Pearson** hired

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him to work on his column, "Washington Merry-Go-Round."

Pearson died in 1969, but Anderson continued investigative reporting and his column appeared in more than 1,000 papers. He won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting with his reports on the U.S. tilt away from India and toward Pakistan during East Pakistan's war for independence. In an autobiography, Anderson claimed political enemies



(L-R) Jack Anderson, "Good Morning America" host David Hartman and G. Gordon Liddy in 1980.

IRAN PANEL

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being built by the Russians is above board, the heavy water facility at Arak is capable of producing plutonium for use in bombs. International observers like the IAEA say "this is a program that has no justification, and have asked them to stop," according to Hinderstein. "They have refused."

Adding to the appearance of guilt is Iran's 20-year concealment of a secret uranium enrichment facility at Natanz, which is also capable of producing fissile material for a bomb. After Hinderstein's organization, the ISIS, published commercial satellite photos of the Natanz facility, Iran was forced to allow IAEA inspectors on site. "The inspectors walked into a room and found spinning centrifuges of Pakistani design," Hinderstein said. "The discovery of the centrifuge program really was the beginning of the end of acceptance that Iran's nuclear program was for civilian purposes." And then, Hinderstein said, there's Iran's long history of involvement with shady characters, including meetings between Iranian nuclear technicians and A.Q. Khan, the Pakistani scientist who for decades ran an illegal international clearinghouse for nuclear weapons technology.

were studying ways to kill him, including poisoning the aspirin in his medicine cabinet. "I had a wife and nine children and nobody wanted to risk the chance that one of them might get a headache," Anderson wrote. Anderson died of Parkinson's disease Dec. 17 at age 83. His wife and all their children survive.

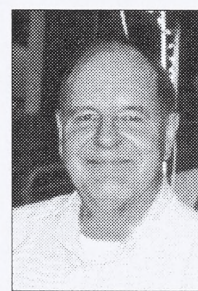
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Arthur J. Dommen, 71, author of histories of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, a former correspondent in Asia, and a retired agricultural economist, died of cancer Dec. 15, in a Washington D.C. hospital. Son of a Swiss father and an English mother, Dommen was born in Mexico City, attended school in Switzerland and graduated from Cornell University in 1955. After two years in the American Army working for military newspapers in Germany, he became a UPI correspondent, reporting from India, Japan, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. After a year on an Edward R. Murrow fellowship at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York,

Overall, Hinderstein and Sick agreed that while Iran may not be definitively pursuing nuclear weapons now, the regime wants to develop a nuclear infrastructure that would allow them to build a weapon in short order themselves. This, as Sick noted, "is a negotiating tactic in itself."

Of course, any discussion about the actions of Iranian government eventually touches on the question: How long will the government last? Here, De Luce cautioned against the easy optimism of pundits who say that regime change is in the offing. "Oil prices just keep going up, and that gives this regime a huge amount of cash," De Luce warned. "So be skeptical of people who say that a revolution is on the horizon, and pro-American people are going to rise up and throw the regime out."

Still, the instability of oil prices could just as easily work against the Iranian government, De Luce acknowledged: "Having said that, there's this tremendous inequality there, and tremendous corruption—a very dysfunctional economy—and if and when oil prices decline, then they would be in a real crisis." Of course, when the prospect of domestic turmoil is considered, Iran's apparent drive to obtain nuclear weapons capability becomes all the more frightening.

Dommen joined the *Los Angeles Times* and covered the Vietnam War as Saigon bureau chief as well as the Paris peace talks. He returned to the United States in 1971 to study for a doctorate



in agricultural economics at the University of Maryland, and then joined the Department of Agriculture as an economist focusing on underdeveloped regions and editor of the *World Agriculture Situation and Outlook Report*.

Dommen was author of "Conflict in Laos: The Politics of Neutralization [1964]," "Laos: Keystone of Indochina [1985]," "Innovation in African Agriculture [1988]," and "The Indochinese Experience of the French and the Americans: Nationalism and Communism in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam [2001]," a 1,168-page tome that took several years to write.

"Arthur was one of the sharpest observers of the Vietnam War," said OPC member **Don Kirk**, a longtime correspondent in Asia. "He had an original view and refused to accept the conventional wisdom." Dommen is survived by his wife, Loan, of Bethesda, Maryland, two stepsons, and a brother in Switzerland.

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Confined to a wheelchair, a victim of prostate cancer, **Jack Spackman**, 70, a veteran newsman in Hong Kong, died of pneumonia at his home in California last Aug 25. Born in Australia, he worked on dailies in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney before arriving on a stopover in Hong Kong in 1967 and deciding to stay.



He held several newspaper jobs in the then-British colony, including business and financial editor of the now-defunct *China Mail* in the 1970s. Later he branched into magazines dealing with computers and information technology. Believing that young Chinese journalists were treated with disdain, Spackman founded the Hong Kong Journalists Association in 1968 to highlight their idealism and achievements.

MORAN

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their reporting in a proper and fair context, he said.

Moran was a last minute replacement for *World News Tonight* co-anchor Bob Woodruff, who was sent three days before the luncheon to the Middle East to cover the Palestinian elections. Two days after the luncheon, Woodruff was seriously injured in a roadside bomb attack in Iraq (see p. 3). Like Woodruff, who only recently moved into the chair long held by Peter Jennings on *World News Tonight*, Moran took over the *Nightline* assignment in late November from Ted Koppel.

In his six years as White House correspondent, Moran traveled widely, covering President George Bush's domestic and foreign trips and meetings with world leaders. In November 2003, he was embedded with American troops in Iraq. When asked how being embedded affected his reporting, he replied that independence is part of a person's character, not place. Besides, he said, he was working "with a 28-year old U.S. Army captain, not [Secretary of Defense Donald] Rumsfeld." Being embedded, he noted, was the

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the trenches was the hissing, cracking and whining of bullets in flight, machine-gun fire and distant German voices, but there was a dead silence that morning, right across the land as far as you could see. We shouted 'Merry Christmas' even though nobody felt merry. The silence ended early in the afternoon and the killing started again. It was a short peace in a terrible war."

The film preview for OPC members will be held on Monday, Feb. 27 at 6:00pm in the Sony Screening Room, 550 Madison Avenue (between 55th and 56th Streets). Reception to follow.

Advance reservations are essential since seating is limited and all names must be listed for security purposes. Please RSVP to 212-445-7100 ext. 13 or by email to sidneyfalco@falcoink.com for reservations. Please mention that you want to attend the OPC screening on 2/27 since this is a general RSVP line for many other organizations.

This film screening was arranged by OPC Vice President Jane Ciabattari, who has been instrumental in arranging great film previews for the OPC.

best way a major news organization could manage risk in a time of war, but he added that Jill Carroll, the American freelance journalist who was kidnapped by Iraqi insurgents, was "doing it the right way. We pray and hope for her safe return."

Moran also told the audience that he was jealous of the scholarship winners' youth, their aspirations and enthusiasm. Quoting from an essay by Robert Louis Stevenson, Moran told the scholarship winners, "Don't listen to your elders." Journalism, he said, encourages skepticism that often leads to cynicism. "The worldly become world-weary," he said. For the young, however, there is nothing greater or more rewarding than the passionate curiosity of journalists headed overseas. "It's a great responsibility, a great adventure," adding, as he had once been told: "Don't screw it up."

The challenge to seek out and accept the risks involved in good journalism especially resonated with the twelve 2006 OPC Foundation Scholarship winners who had just accepted their awards from various family members and close friends of those in whose names the scholarships are given (for a complete list of individual scholarship awards, see p. 3). Besides a check for \$2,000, the recipients also received a year free membership in the Overseas Press Club. Reuters hosted a reception honoring

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CHILDREN

"**W**HETHER YOU DECIDE to become an artist or a fireman, a lawyer or a musician, perhaps even a soccer player or an astronaut, you should try to find out as much as you can about the world you live in." So writes OPC member **Lorie Karnath** in introducing her book of answers in simple scientific terms for questions children ask. Lorie, who lives in Berlin, is a science and educational writer who has traveled the world in search of answers to some of the planet's most elusive questions. With German scientist **Gustav Born**, she answers those questions in "Wohin geht die Sonne, wenn ich

current and former winners of OPC Foundation Scholarships the night before the luncheon at its headquarters in Times Square. The group met with veteran foreign correspondents, including Roger Cohen of the *New York Times*, in a morning program before the luncheon and later toured the Associated Press headquarters in the afternoon.

As master of ceremonies, Holstein articulated the purpose of the scholarships as well as the Foundation's mission. Recognizing that American news organizations are undergoing a profound transformation in closing international editions and shuttering bureaus, he noted, "it is incumbent upon us, those who care about what Americans know about the world, that we identify the best and the brightest of the next generation of correspondents, and attempt to give them the incentives and the tools to go out into the world."

The 2006 winners, ten graduate students and two undergraduate students, were selected from a pool of more than 175 applicants from 65 different colleges and universities. While the ten graduate students are now part of the graduate programs at the Columbia University, New York University, and University of Arizona, they all received their undergraduate degrees from different colleges. This year's undergraduate winners are seniors at the University of Oregon and Yale University.

schlafe? Antworten auf die Rätsel des Lebens für Amalie" (Where Does the Sun Go When I Am Sleeping? Answers to the Riddles of Life for Amalie) [Munich: Nymphenburger Press]. The answers they provide for Amalie, Professor Born's granddaughter, are long and detailed. But here are a couple condensed answers: Why is my face warm when I wake up in the morning? "Before you are fully awake, your brain is already busily sending messages to your heart and the rest of your body telling these that a new day is coming and that it is time to start preparing. Your heart begins pumping a bit more quickly, which means that your blood also starts flowing a bit faster." Where does the fire go when I blow out the candles on my birthday cake? "When you blow on a candle you are taking the heat away. The flame drops in temperature below the level that allows it to stay lit and the flame goes out." The book was published in German in March and is expected to come out in English later.



Bookjacket
Answers for Amalie

New Books

GLOBAL

FIVE DAYS AFTER PEARL HARBOR, Walter H. Diamond became a Federal examiner of the New York branch of Japan's Yokohama Specie Bank, which the U.S. government was



Dorothy and Walter Diamond

taking over as enemy property. Later he served in the Atlantic and Pacific as a U.S. Navy officer. His career after the war included a position as an editor at McGraw-Hill and traveling the world as a United Nations trade and investment advisor, meeting leaders of 100 nations. He met several of them at the OPC, including Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, New York Mayor Ed Koch, Prince Rainier of Monaco and his wife Grace

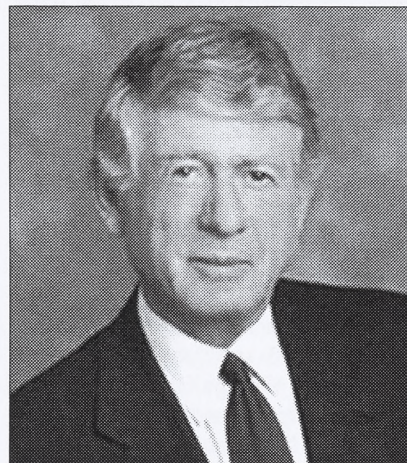
April 20 Awards Dinner to Honor Koppel

OPC President Dick Stolley has announced that Ted Koppel will accept the OPC's President's Award at the Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 20 at the Mandarin-Oriental Hotel in New York City. Koppel recently retired as anchor of the ABC's *Nightline* after an incredible run spanning 25 years, from the 1980 American hostage crisis in Tehran to being embedded with American forces as they entered Baghdad.

Koppel is currently managing editor for the Discovery Channel, a contributing columnist for *The New York Times* and a senior news analyst for NPR. With his 10th award from the OPC last year, Koppel became the most honored journalist in the club's history.

More details on the awards dinner

will be available in the next Bulletin, but save the date—April 20—for an exciting awards evening.



Ted Koppel

Kelly. An OPC member for 50 years, Diamond, now 93, has written his memoir, "One of a Kind: Learning the Secrets of World Leaders" [Syracuse University Press], edited by his wife and fellow journalist, Dorothy. He writes: "During World War II, Churchill, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower were all great leaders because they were always ready to confront adverse conditions. Kennedy, Nixon, the first George Bush and Clinton were weaker leaders, since, generally speaking, their staffs wanted to protect them from irritating problems. Lyndon Johnson was not a great president. He made most of his own decisions, which sometimes got him in trouble, such as the

Vietnam quagmire....Reagan made his own decisions—mostly with Nancy's approval—regardless of what his aides told him; he broke the mold and was close to greatness."

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA PRESS has republished "Invasion Diaries" by the late OPC member **Richard Tregaskis**, who covered World War II battles in Guadalcanal, Sicily and Italy, and later the wars in Korea and Vietnam. And Random House has published the sixth edition of "Hawaii," written by Richard's widow **Moana Tregaskis**, also an OPC member.

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